

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 17-18 and 21-33 are pending in this application. In light of the amendments and remarks made herein, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

By this amendment, Applicants have amended the claims to more appropriately recite the claimed invention. These amendments are being made without conceding the propriety of the Examiner's rejections, but merely to timely advance prosecution of the present application.

Examiner Interview

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner and her Supervisor for the Interview conducted on April 8, 2010. During the Interview, the parties discussed potential 35 U.S.C. §101 issues, double patenting issues and potential 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph issues. The amendments made herein are consistent with the discussion between the parties during the Interview.

Conclusion

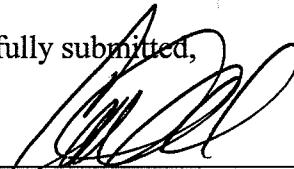
All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisinet, Registration No. 52327 at the telephone number of the undersigned below to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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Respectfully submitted,

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